

ABSTRACT

With respect to encrypted content 104 stored in content storage medium 102, by storing information with a small data amount related to the encrypted content 104
5 in content storage medium 102 in association with the encrypted content 104, it is possible to distinguish between encrypted content 104 based on the related information without decoding the encrypted content 104 with a large data amount. It is thereby possible to more
10 readily distinguish between a plurality of pieces of content stored in the content storage medium.